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THE BIBLE STUDENTS' READING GUILD OF THE AMERICAN  
INSTITUTE OF SACRED LITERATURE.

*General Scheme.* The aim of the members of the *Bible Students' Reading Guild* is to obtain a better knowledge of the revelation of God, his relation to and desires for mankind, as embodied in the books of the Bible. For the accomplishment of this purpose, they will pursue a four years' course of reading which will include the entire New Testament, such portions of the Old Testament as bear most directly upon the subject under consideration, and those books about the Bible which seem best adapted to make clear its facts and teachings, and are at the same time suited to the average student, both as to character and cost.

The work is designed for (1) mature people who, having read the Bible more or less from childhood, have nevertheless but a confused idea of the bearing of its many separate parts upon its unity of purpose; (2) those who, having reached maturity with no intimate acquaintance with the Bible, would like to investigate its claims in an intelligent manner; (3) those who are familiar with the scope and purpose of the biblical writings, yet wish to keep in touch with the best literature upon the subject.

The course will be presented in four distinct subjects, viz.: *The Life of Christ. The Foreshadowings of the Christ* (Old Testament History and Prophecy); *The Founding of the Christian Church*, and *Old Testament Literature*. Each year will be independent, forming a unit in itself. Thus students may enter with any year, and all members will study the same subject at the same time. Members of the Guild are expected to read the recommended books in accordance with the suggestions which are provided by the Institute. Although not required to do so, it is hoped that they will report their work to the Institute as often and in such manner as reports shall be requested.

*The Work for 1894-5.* The course on the Life of Christ is now ready and will constitute the work for October 1894-July 1895. The books have been selected with reference to (1) the historical, geographical, and prophetic background; (2) the life as actually lived, narrative and comment; (3) the character of Jesus; (4) the influence of Jesus; (5) the teachings of Jesus. (For enumeration of particular books see paragraph on *Expense*).

*Helps Provided.* A direction sheet giving general suggestions for the reading of the year will be sent to students immediately upon enrollment. At the beginning of each month from October 1 to June 1 bulletin assigning the reading for the following month and giving specific directions for the work of the month will be mailed to each member. No work will be assigned for July, August, and September of each year, although

the books and the general direction sheet will be ready and may be secured July 1st.

In April of each year a question paper containing fifty questions, making a comprehensive summary of the year's work will be issued. Members of the Guild, while not required to answer these questions, will be urged to do so for the sake of the value of the work to themselves. Duplicate copies of the paper will be supplied in order that one copy may be retained for reference.

*Recognition of Work.* At the end of each year a certificate will be awarded those who have read the required books and the required readings in the BIBLICAL WORLD. A special "Honor Sign" will be placed upon the certificates of those who return the question paper with all the questions answered. In entering the Guild no pledge of continuance is required; but students accomplishing the four years reading and securing an "Honor Sign" for each year will receive some special recognition of their work.

*Time Required.* It is believed that the work can easily be accomplished in from twenty minutes to half an hour a day. Should students wish to give more time, other books upon special phases of the subject will be recommended and other work assigned, for the performance of which special credit will be given.

*Expense.* A membership fee of fifty cents to cover the expense of correspondence and helps provided by the Institute is required. The books for 1894-5 are as follows:

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| 1. In the Time of Jesus, Seidel,               | - - -   | \$ .90. |
| 2. Sketches of Jewish Social Life, Edersheim,  | -       | 1.00.   |
| 3. Harmony of the Gospels, Stevens and Burton, | -       | 1.25.   |
| 4. The Life of Christ, Hanna,                  | - - - - | 1.25.   |
| 5. The Character of Jesus, Bushnell,           | - - -   | .60.    |
| 6. The Influence of Jesus, Phillips Brooks,    | -       | 1.00.   |
| 7. THE BIBLICAL WORLD, July 1894-1895,         | - -     | 1.50.   |

By special arrangement with publishers the cost of the books has been placed much below the published prices. If desired at the prices given they should be ordered by members of the Guild through the Institute office. Students are not, however, *required* to buy books through the Institute, if they can secure better terms elsewhere.

So much has been written on the life of Christ that some may wish to substitute other books upon the same subject for those recommended. In the case of certain books upon the course such substitution may be allowed if necessity seems to require it, but students are strongly urged to procure and use the indicated books.

<sup>1</sup>This is a special price to members of the Guild and can be obtained only through the Institute. The subscription price to all others is \$2.00.

*How to Become a Member.* Fill out the application form, which may be procured from the Central Office, and send it with the membership fee of fifty cents to the office of the Institute. (For address see below).

If books are desired consult the list given in this circular and indicate clearly which books are needed and the number of copies of each. Subscriptions to the BIBLICAL WORLD should in all cases be sent to the Institute. The general direction sheet will be ready in July and will be sent to all members immediately upon enrollment. The monthly postal bulletin will not be issued until October 1st, when the working year properly begins.

Students may enroll at any time, but those entering later than October, 1894, will be required to make up lost work during the year. The work is assigned for nine months, and students entering late will be able to catch up during the summer months.

*Chapters of the Guild.* Local chapters of the Guild may be formed wherever there are two or more members. Only individual members are responsible to the Institute. Chapters will elect their own officers and appoint meetings according to their own convenience. As the subject of the present year (1894-5) is identical with that of the International lessons, Sunday-school teachers and adult classes would find chapters helpful in schools where regular teachers' meetings are not well supported.

*The Biblical World.* The BIBLICAL WORLD is the official organ of the Guild. Beginning with July, 1894, it will contain each month two articles, the reading of which will be required of members of the Guild. With September, 1894, a special department for the Guild will be introduced. It will contain programmes for chapter meetings and special items of interest to the members.

*The Bible Students' Reading Guild is open to everyone of whatever denomination or faith. Questions in regard to it will be freely answered. Circulars in large or small quantity may be obtained. Correspondence should be addressed to the American Institute of Sacred Literature, William R. Harper, Principal, Hyde Park, Chicago, Ill.*